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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is responsive to application number (10/652987) filed on May 12, 2004. Claims 1-5 are pending and have been examined.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. Acknowledgement is made of applicant's information disclosure statement.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bradley et al (US 5, 771, 071).

As per claim 1, Bradley et al discloses an imaging system (Fig 2, 44), comprising:

an interlaced imaging device (Fig 2, 44);

a mirrored shaft (Fig 5, 114) that is axially displaceable for presenting different views to said imaging device (Col 9 Ln 53-67);

drive means including an electric motor (Fig 5, 118) for reciprocatingly displacing said mirrored shaft (Fig 5, 114) to change the view presented to said imaging device (Col 10 Ln 1-27); and

control means for controlling said electric motor in response to a data acquisition control signal of the imaging device (Col 10 Ln 52-56) such that interlaced video data produced by said imaging device includes data pertaining to two or more different views (Col 12 Ln 1-16; the prior art disclose two separate flashest for different fields, which relates to different views).

As per claim 2, Bradley et al discloses the imaging system of claim 1, wherein said data acquisition control signal is a vertical synchronization control signal that coordinates readout of said video data (Col 11 Ln 42-58 and Col 12 Ln 12-16).

As per claim 3, Bradley et al discloses the imaging system of claim 2, wherein said mirrored shaft (Fig 2, 114) includes first and second axially separated mirrors (Fig 2, 64, 86, and 110) that are alternately in position with respect to said imaging device during successive data acquisition periods of said imaging device (Col 9 Ln 53-67; the prior art describes two different mirrors that surrounds an axial).

As per claim 4, Bradley et al discloses the imaging system of claim 1, wherein said drive means includes a rotary cam mechanism driven by said electric motor (Fig 5, 118) and a connecting arm coupling said cam mechanism to said mirrored shaft (Fig 5, 114, Col 9 Ln 53-67).

As per claim 5, Bradley et al discloses the imaging system of claim 4, wherein said control means continuously drives said electric motor (Fig 5, 118) at a speed that is in synchronism with said data acquisition control signal (Col 10 Ln 52-67; the prior art discloses the actuation of the motor and also describes the synchronization of information which shows the control over the electric motor).

Other Prior Art Cited

2. The following prior art are applicable as being relevant to the application:

Bradley et al (US 6,650,370) is prior art because it covers the majority of the applicants' invention of an interlaced imaging device.

Tawara (US 6,234,396) is prior art because it discloses an image system with an electric motor and control mechanism.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chikaodili E. Anyikire whose telephone number is (571) 270-1445. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 7:30 am to 5 pm, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mehrdad Dastouri can be reached on (571) 272 - 7418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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